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CONSTRUCTION WORK TO INCREASE IN 1949

EASTERN CONSTRUCTION WORK DOUBLED -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 91, 19 Apr 49

On 15 April, a conference of 400 construction workers of the Ministry of Construction of Heavy Industry Enterprises USSR met in Magnitogorsk. The number of the conference included construction workers from the Urals, Siberia, the Far East, and Central Asia.

Minister P. A. Yudin gave the main report in which he stated that the volume of construction work planned for 1949 in the eastern regions is almost double that of last year. The auxiliary enterprises, which produce local construction materials, are being expanded and the Government is assisting construction workers to adopt modern technology. Fifty percent of all plastering work and 95 percent of assembly of steel structures will be mechanized. The report mentioned the importance of introducing daily work schedules in all projects.

HOUSEBUILDING LAGS IN MARITIME ENTERPRISES -- Morskoy Flot, No 41, 24 May 49

In the middle of 1948, the Government allocated additional funds for construction of houses for ship-repair workers. "Glavmormpom" (Main Administration of Maritime Shipbuilding) did not make full use of these funds. The 1948 plan for housing construction in enterprises of the administration was only 40 percent completed.

The housing plan at the Plant imeni A. Marti in Odessa has not been met because of delays permitted by the plant's directors in assembling a consignment of prefabricated standard houses which arrived over 6 months ago. The Plant imeni "Parizhskaya Kommuna," one of the largest in the administration, completed only 14 percent of its housing plan in 1948. Instead of 7,500 square meters as planned, little more than 1,000 square meters of housing were completed here. Plans drawn up for the plant's housing facilities have permitted above-plan construction costs. The average cost of one square meter as allowed by the 1949

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State plan to 775 rubles, whereas the plan to 1,000 rubles more doubled this cost. The housing plans had to be revised, with a 20-percent reduction in cost estimates.

In 1949, construction workers of maritime transport are scheduled to build 66,000 square meters of new housing, but only 5,000 square meters have been completed during the first 4 months of this year. In order to complete the plan, it is first necessary to concentrate on construction of the less expensive, 2- and 3-story houses, each with 3, 12, or 16 apartments. Standard plans and parts must be used as widely as possible.

PROJECTS LACK POLITICAL WORK -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 71, 22 Apr 49

The need for mass political and educational work among workers in the Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast construction projects is particularly great at present since almost all of the projects are lagging behind the schedule for completion.

The arrival of new construction workers is continuing at a fast rate. Kazakhstan Komsomol organizations are sending their members to "Irtyshstroy" and the projects in Leninogorsk and Ust-Kamenogorsk have been adding additional personnel obtained through the organized worker recruitment system. Political work in construction enterprises has been on a very low level.

The most important projects of "Energokombinatstroy" (Construction of Power Combines) are lagging and yet political work here is completely unorganized. Similar conditions prevail in "Irtyshstroy," where the sluice-building section has the lowest productivity and the least organized political education.

NEW KHABAROVSK SETTLEMENT STARTED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 101, 30 Apr 49

A new settlement has been constructed on the shore of a large lake near the village of Troitskoye and the Troitskoye Timber Management, Narayskiy Rayon, Khabarovsk Kray. The settlement has been built for workers and employees of the newly organized Innkent'yevskoye Timber Management. Construction of houses will be completed this summer.

MOSCOW PLANS NEW UNIVERSITY BUILDING -- Komsomolskaya Pravda, No 115, 18 May 49

According to a Government decision, a new 26-floor building is to be erected for the Moscow University. The many thousand students of the University have offered to help with the building. Last year the Komsomol organizations of the physics and chemistry departments invited all students to contribute 15 working days each to the construction project. This suggestion found wide response, over 1,000 students working during 1948. They built driveways, houses for construction workers, and helped the subsidiary enterprises.

This year the Komsomol committee of the University has worked out a more extensive plan: 1,800 Komsomol members will contribute their labor to the construction of the huge white stone building. Student brigades are now being formed in all departments, and will go to work immediately after the completion of examinations. The students will be occupied in earthwork, concrete work, and loading and unloading operations.

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